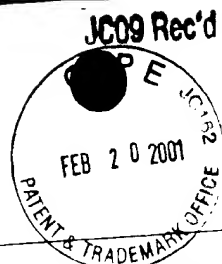


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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/BE99/00112
International Filing Date: August 17, 1999
Priority Date Claimed: August 17, 1998
Title of Invention: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR TREATING OR PREVENTING
DIABETES OR CANCER, OR THE WAARDENBURG SYNDROME
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Guy Rousseau, Frederic Lemaigre

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
3. (X) A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
4. (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a) () is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) (X) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
5. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a) () are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) () have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
6. (X) An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) and power of attorney (35 USC 371(c)(4)).
7. (X) A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report with any annexes thereto, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34.
8. (X) An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
9. (X) A FIRST preliminary amendment.

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10. (X) A copy of the International Application as published (minus original claims):
a. (X) Publication Cover Sheet
b. (X) 16 pages of disclosure.
c. (X) 1 page of drawings.
d. (X) Sequence Listing in 11 pages.
e. (X) International Search Report.
11. (X) Small Entity is established.
12. (X) PCT Form PCT/IPEA/402.
13. (X) PCT Form PCT/IB/308.
14. (X) PCT request form.
15. (X) A return prepaid postcard.
16. (X) The following fees are submitted:

				FEES
BASIC FEE				\$860
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	9 - 20 =	0 ×	\$18	\$0
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0 ×	\$80	\$0
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$860
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (if applicable). Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (NOTE 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				\$430
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE ENCLOSED				\$430

17. (X) A check in the amount of \$430 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
18. (X) A check in the amount of \$40 for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31).
19. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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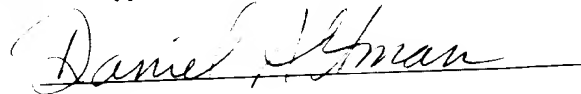
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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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